

PATENT
The Eclipse Group Docket No. HI03057USU (P02007US)
Serial No.: 10/091,909

I. REMARKS

A. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, the Examiner indicates that the present application contains four groups of inventions that are distinct, each from the other:

- I. Group I (Figs. 1-2);
- II. Group II (Figs. 3-4);
- III. Group III (Fig. 5); and
- IV. Group IV (Figs. 6-7).

The Examiner requires Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single group for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has further requested that the Applicant list all claims readable on the elected group of figures.

In response, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that the application contains claims directed to patently distinct species of the claimed invention as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a) and therefore traverses the election requirement. Applicant believes that in addition to Claim 15, Claim 1 is also generic. However, in order to further the prosecution of this application and as required by 35 U.S.C. § 135, Applicant elects Group II, Figs. 3-4 and Claims 1-30 which read thereon, without prejudice.

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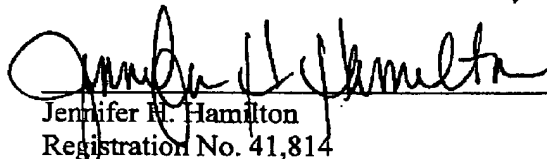
II. CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Amendments and Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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